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Editors Comments

Due to health problems, Bill Diamond has reluctantly expressed a desire to be relieved of the responsibilities of publishing the Keywords newsletter. The Board of Directors has accepted Bill's decision and I will be the new editor of Keywords. Bill has done an outstanding job for over two and a half years and deserves our thanks and appreciation.

Although I spent many years in commercial printing including publication, I have never worked with a small format before. This will be a new experience for me. There have been five editors since I joined CUGSL and as I looked in my newsletter file I noticed each editor has had his own style. So I am sure as time goes by I will also develop a personal style for future Keywords issues. I hope that all the contributors will continue to support your new Editor and together we will keep the Keywords the fine newsletter it has always been.

I will continue as Treasurer and Membership Coordinator but because of my new role as Editor I will no longer be able to produce the Disk of the Month or to lead the BASICS SIG.

Joe McDevitt joined his Graphics Sig with the BASICS SIG group in Oct. 95 and the combination has worked well. Joe has agreed to handle both Sig groups in

the future. I look forward to attending upcoming Sig meetings as much as possible since Joe is doing some really interesting things with keyboard graphics and he will continue to keep the BASICS Sig up to date with Commodore programs and help anyone with their problems.

My phone is toll free and I would welcome any calls with ideas or info to pass on to our Commodore users.

Ed Hummel

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REMEMBER! Saturday September 21, 1996 a one-time-only chance of a lifetime to pick up the Commodore Hardware/Software you have always been looking for. Come to the Bridgeton Community Center on Fee Fee Road from 10AM to 4PM. Three clubs will combine to hold a Swap Meet – the Commodore Users Group of St. Louis along with the McDonnell Commodore Users and Gateway of Illinois. Expect everything from Computers to Peripherals to Software and even more.

Everyone is welcome to come to buy, to

to just look or to sell. Experienced Commodore Users will be on hand to answer questions and offer assistance to resolve any problems you may have. A good place to meet and visit with other Commodore Users too.

See last page for directions to the Bridgeton Community Center.

For your information

Since Novaterm 9.6 was discussed at the August 4 BOD Meeting I remembered having read several articles in recent issues of Commodore World.

In Issue 13 there is an interview with Nick Rossi the developer of the original Novaterm for the Commodore 64 and the final upgrade to 9.6. In this interview Novaterm 9.6 is referred to as a cartridge and there is a picture showing the cartridge. Also in Issue 13 there is a 2 1/2 page article on Novaterm 9.6 which states specifically that 9.6 does not come on a disk - 'it is a cartridge'.

In Issue 15 in Commodore and Computer Industry News there is an article concerning Novaterm 9.6. Near the end of the article there is a paragraph "Novaterm 9.6 is no longer shareware; it is now commercial software. Novaterm 9.6 sells for \$29.95. It comes on either a 1541 or 1581 disk, and it is shipped with a printed user's guide".

From everything I have read Novaterm 9.6 is a major improvement over previous versions and definitely way above anything else on the market for Commodore but I think if you are interested you may want to call the distributor Performance Peripherals Inc. 1-800-EASY-WEB. If you have access to the Internet the address is (<http://www.eskimo.com/~voyager/novaterm.html>). Email is voyager@eskimo.com). The above information seems to be in disagreement.

BOD Meeting

The August 4th meeting opened at 7:30PM with all members present.

Treasurer, Ed Hummel, reported our bank balance at \$622.40 after purchase of a new Epson Stylus Color II Inkjet Printer for the Christmas Party Raffle.

Membership is 36, with some renewals overdue. Secretary, Walt Smith, will call these members to remind them that their dues are now payable.

Joe McDevitt brought up the idea of a daytime BASICs SIG for those who work at night if someone could be found to lead it.

Bill Diamond has formally resigned as Editor and Publisher of KEYWORDS. (He will continue to mail Disk of Month to other clubs and our two "mail in" members). Ed Hummel will be the new Editor/Publisher starting with the September issue.

Ed Hummel will no longer be producing the Disk of the Month after August. Unless someone volunteers to take on this job, there may not be any future DOM. Ed has also resigned as leader of the BASICs SIG group because of the time required by his two jobs as CUGSL Treasurer and Editor of KEYWORDS.

Rich Scheu's report covered the up-dated Novaterm's 9.6 disk which costs \$29.95. Rich would like the BOD to consider paying the fee for someone to access Genie or Delphi. His idea would be to download Commodore programs for Disk of the Month. The matter was discussed briefly, with one point being the expense involved. It was tabled for a future meeting.

The Swap Meet is all set for September 21 at the Bridgeton Community Center.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50PM

Walt Smith, Secretary



August CUGSL Meeting

President Joe McDevitt called the meeting to order 7:30PM with 13 members present. The minutes for the July meeting were accepted after entering the application of another new member to CUGSL (Janet Klus). This brings the membership to 36.

Ed Hummel reported a treasury balance of \$622.40 and informed the members Wayne Steinfeldt is storing the Epson printer purchased for the drawing until the Xmas party.

Bill Diamond has contacted the other C= clubs concerning the Swap Meet and he will see that a flier will be distributed.

"What is a Swap Meet?" was a question from the floor and Joe Mcdevitt gave a very good explanation. 'A Swap Meet is where you sell/buy/swap Commodore hardware/software etc. that you do/don't need'.

Bill Diamond has received newsletters and disks from other C= clubs. CUGSL exchanges newsletters with approximately 40 clubs and hopefully the disk exchange will improve and supplement our DOM.

Joe McDevitt made a request for someone to volunteer to produce the CUGSL DOM. He also wanted to know if there are enough members interested to possibly start a daytime SIG group. The BASICS/ Graphics SIG still meets on the 4th Wed. of each month.

The August DOM consisted of utility programs, the first 'READER' was needed to read or print the text file 'SEPARATE.TXT.80' explaining how to

separate a C64 keyboard from the CPU. 'SPEEDVIEWER' will print either PRG or SEQ files in text form. '1541 TEST 2.1' is used to check the condition of the 1541 disk drive. Finally a bit of nostalgia on 'ROUTE 66' was included.

Joe McDevitt presented the evenings program with a CUGSL DEMO he is developing as a promotion to be used at A - Z Computers. He also demonstrated VIDEO DIGITIZER and VIDEO TITLING for the VCR. Joe is asking for your input, programs, graphics or whatever that could be used on our Disk of the Month for public viewing. There was no raffle for the August meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50PM.



FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions)

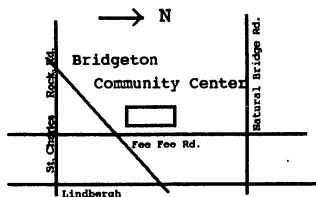
How do I exchange data among Commodore 8-bit machines? You can exchange data between Commodore machines in a number of ways, but each way requires an exchange medium, whether it be tape, disk, modem, or null modem. To transfer files between any Commodore computers with disk drives, you need to find a drive that can be connected to either computer, or two drives with compatible disk formats. Modems can be used to exchange the information, if both computers can use modems. Just perform a download on one end, and an upload on the other. Null modems can make this job simpler, by removing the data-> telephone line step performed in a modem. With all of these methods, data files should transmit fine, but program file written in ML will most likely not work, and BASIC programs will usually fail if loaded on a machine with a differing version of BASIC.



SWAP MEET



COMMODORE USERS GROUP OF ST LOUIS
 MCDONNELL COMMODORE USERS
 GATEWAY OF ILLINOIS
 WILL SPONSOR
 A COMMODORE SWAP MEET
 ON
 SATURDAY
 SEPTEMBER 21, 1996
 AT
 BRIDGETON COMMUNITY CENTER
 4201 FEE FEE ROAD
 BETWEEN NATURAL BRIDGE AND
 ST CHARLES ROCK ROAD



10AM to 4PM

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**If your address label
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 your membership expires
 this month.**